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By: **Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(Departmental - Natural Resources)

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fish - Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain persons from certain provisions of law
4 requiring a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license under certain circumstances;
5 and generally relating to a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 4-745(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-745.

15 (c) A person may fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or its tidal tributaries
16 without a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license if the person:

17 (1) Is under the age of 16;

18 (2) Possesses a valid commercial license;

19 (3) Is fishing from private real property as an owner, family member of
20 an owner, or nonpaying guest of an owner;

21 (4) Is fishing with a hook and line from a public bridge or public pier
22 which has been designated by the Department as a free fishing area;

23 (5) Holds a valid tidal water sport fishing license issued by the State of
24 Virginia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, or District of Columbia, provided that

1 this exemption shall not take effect until the Secretary has published notice in the
2 Maryland Register of the Secretary's determination that the Virginia, Potomac River
3 Fisheries Commission, or District of Columbia requirements for a tidal water sport
4 fishing license are substantially similar to and reciprocal with the Chesapeake Bay
5 sport fishing license requirements of this section;

6 (6) Is fishing pursuant to any special license issued under subsection (d)
7 of this section;

8 (7) (i) Is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States;

9 (ii) Is a resident of this State;

10 (iii) Is on leave from the armed forces; and

11 (iv) Has, while fishing, a copy of the person's official leave orders;

12 (8) Fishes on a free fishing day designated by the Secretary; [or]

13 (9) Holds a current resident consolidated senior sport fishing license
14 issued under § 4-216 of this title[.]; OR

15 (10) IS A PATIENT WHO IS UNDER TREATMENT BY A STATE-APPROVED
16 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, OR IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ATTENDS OR RESIDES IN A
17 STATE-APPROVED RETARDATION FACILITY, IF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
18 FACILITY CERTIFIES THAT THE PATIENT OR INDIVIDUAL IS ENGAGED IN AN
19 APPROVED THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INVOLVE A FISHING ACTIVITY.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
21 effect June 1, 2001.